

## **EXHIBIT A**



March 16, 2020

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United States District Court  
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse  
231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Room 1023  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Case No. 2:19-cv-13657-VAR-DRG  
Hon. Victoria A. Roberts

Larry J. Saylor et al.

I refer to the copy summons attached.

We attempted to settle the matter amicably but Mr. Poplin did not respond to Noel Murphy's letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020, see appendix A.

We deny that we were aware of the existence of a patent and the fact that the Plaintiff did not notify us that there was a patent between their last invoice to us of the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017 and the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019 notification by Mr. Poplin's office (a whole 30 months without any suggestion of the existence of a patent) never raised the question of a patent in our minds.

Between December, 2016 and November, 2018 we purchased 3,100 units from another supplier at about \$20 each and still have 666 of those units in inventory. We have not purchased any units of the product since November, 2018 and ceased selling them in 2019 when we commenced dialogue with Mr. Poplin.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shawn Boss".

Shawn Boss  
Registered Agent

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for the  
Eastern District of Michigan

Blake Manufacturing, Inc.,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

Case No. 2:19-cv-13657-VAR-DRG

Hon. Victoria A. Roberts

TruLife, Inc.,

*Defendant.*

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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: TruLife, Inc.

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) - or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) - you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Larry J. Saylor  
150 W. Jefferson Avenue  
Suite 2500  
Detroit, MI  
48226-4415

If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

DAVID J. WEAVER, CLERK OF COURT

By: s/ D. Allen  
*Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk*



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